

Permanency Planning

Mission:

To ensure safe, permanent, nurturing families for children.

Vision:

Each child in Catawba County shall achieve a permanent sense of belonging to a family that gives security, good health, adequate nutrition, a safe environment, a quality education and hope for the future.

Goal: Vulnerable children are in safe, nurturing, financially stable environments.

- Outcome:** Increase from 60% to 65% the number of children over the age of 12 who entered social services custody after July 1, 2003 who will be placed in the living arrangement identified in their court approved permanent plan within 12 months of coming in care. (Approximately 22 of 37 will be placed)
- Outcome:** 90% of children (approximately 59 of 66) newly identified for adoption between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, will have an identified adoptive placement within 12 months as compared to the statewide standard of twenty four months.
- Outcome:** 99% of adopted children (328 of 331) receiving adoption assistance will have no disruptions within the 12 month period of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005.
- Outcome:** 83% (10 of 12) of youths served by Corner Houses I & II and who successfully graduated from the program will remain in the community and avoid commitment to training school while in residence and 12 months thereafter.
- Outcome:** 86% of youths (20 of 23) served in the group homes will experience a 75% improvement (a 50% increase from 2003-04) in the appropriate behaviors present at admission as measured by Bond Level Achievement during their placement.

Financial Data for Permanency Planning

	Fiscal Year 2003-2004			
	Budget	Year Ending Projections	Projected Balance - Surplus/ (deficit)	Projected % of Budget
Expenditures	(\$4,415,189)	(\$4,535,213)	(\$120,024)	103%
Revenues	\$3,622,524	\$3,396,594	(\$225,930)	94%
Agency (Cost) / Surplus	(\$792,665)	(\$1,138,618)	(\$345,953)	143.6%

	Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (Requested)		
	Budget	Increase or (Decrease)	% Increase or (Decrease)
Expenditures	(\$4,675,659)	\$260,470	6%
Revenues	\$3,715,348	\$92,824	3%

Agency (Cost) / Surplus	(\$960,311)	\$167,646	21.1%
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